

Town and Volunteers Celebrate Arbor Day by Planting 2,000 Trees at the Headwaters of the Carmans River

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Farmingville, NY – On April 29, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Kevin LaValle celebrated Arbor Day by working with volunteers to plant 2,000 trees near the headwaters of the Carmans River in Middle Island. The land was recently acquired for open space by the Town of Brookhaven. During the event, Supervisor Romaine was presented with a plaque, sign and flag from the National Arbor Day Foundation, designating Brookhaven Town as a “Tree City USA.”

Volunteers from STATE (Students Taking Action for Tomorrow’s Environment), the Middle Country Green Teens, and students and parents from the Raynor Country Day School assisted in planting the trees. The property, where several structures had previously been located, was cleaned and cleared of debris by town personnel. Compost was added to the soil and mixed/tilled in by farmers from Fink’s Family Farm of Wading River to prepare the land for the tree planting. After all trees are planted, the property will be hydro-seeded with a native wildflower mix.

Today’s tree planting was part of the Supervisor’s “Greening Brookhaven” initiative. The goal of the initiative is to distribute and plant 10,000 tree seedlings by 2020. This is the same goal date for the Supervisor’s Green Energy and Sustainability initiative for Town facilities, a 5-year Capital Plan to achieve a 50% reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 2020. The plan focuses on Town-owned Buildings and Facilities, Traffic Controls, Street Lights and Town Vehicles.

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